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Report Highlights:

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Agriculturalists in Bosnia and Herzegovina believe that organic production would be competitive against modern agricultural production of the developed countries. BiH's average farm size is small, the hilly and mountainous land conditions are unsuitable for large-scale cultivation, and the high unemployment rate provides a cheap labor force for labor-intensive production. The recent war has resulted in even lower agricultural chemical use and reduced industrial pollution. Although pollution still tends to be "insignificant", almost nothing has been done regarding nature preservation.

At present, the "Development of Organic Agriculture in B&H" project is being supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and implemented by Grolink (a Swedish based consultancy). Project activities include development of a certification body and regulatory framework, marketing assistance, establishment of an organic sector association, and development of public awareness. A non-governmental organization "ECON" is responsible for most of the groundwork for this project. The certification system is based on "KRAV", a key player in the organic market in Sweden. Twenty-five individual farmers, processors and wild products collectors have been visited by KRAV inspectors and received registration certificates. Also, Swedish inspectors from KRAV have trained local inspectors. A non-profit organization Organska Kontrola (OK, meaning organic control) has been established to provide local inspection and certification service. OK will provide certification in the areas of crop production, wild production, bee keeping and processing. Besides KRAV, Italian and English organic certificates are also present in the country. "BETA" or Bosnian Environmental Technologies Association is a member organization of IFOAM (International Foundation of Organic Agriculture Movements).

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Table 1; Organic Producers in Bosnia and Herzegovina certified by KRAV

KRAV#	Company	Contact person	Address	Telephone	Fax	E-mail	Products
20022001-9	Agrokomerc Grower grp	Sead Abdic Termiz Munir	Trg Ahmeta Mrzljaka 1, V.Kladusa	037/770 000 037/770 500		agrokom@bih.net.ba	Beet root, carrot, cucumber, pepper
20022002-8	Agrokomerc Farm	Sead Abdic Termiz Munir	Trg Ahmeta Mrzljaka 1, V.Kladusa	037/770 000 037/770 500		agrokom@bih.net.ba	Beet root, carrot, cucumber, pepper
20021998-6	Agrokrajina Citrus	Jugo Dervo	Omera Efendije Novljanina 1 77 000 Bihac	037/223 523 037/332 337	037 331 601		Rye
20012084-0	Agroplod wild production	Enver Zale	Stolac, Mostar	036 853 758		agroplod@cob.net.ba	Medicinal herbs, essential oils
20021892-3	Agroplod Grower group	Enver Zale	Stolac, Mostar	036 853 758		agroplod@cob.net.ba	Potato
20021991-3	ALDY	Muamer Pezo	43 Dub 73000 Gorazde	038/227 850		aldi@aldi.ba	Medicinal herbs, mushrooms
20011378-7	Andelic d.o.o.	Radovan Andjelic	Trebinjskih brigada 10, 89101 Trebinje	059 260 647, 059 220 802	60 260 647, 059 220 802	andjelic@post.com	Medicinal herbs, essential oils
20011379-6	ATP International	Ahmed Fazlic	Donji Junuzovici bb, Zavidovici	066 762 513		atp.int@bih.net.ba	Medicinal herbs, mushrooms
20022003-7	Baso,d.o.o	Nermin Basic	Todorova 158, 77 230	037/ 773 630		baso@basonatur.com	Mushrooms
20021996-8	BH Organik Wild	Nermin Glamoc	Hamdije Kresevljakovic 18/5	061/ 149 459 033/ 210 316		bhorganik@bih.net.ba	Medicinal herbs, mushrooms
20021997-7	BH Organik Grower grp	Nermin Glamoc	Hamdije Kresevljakovic 18/5	061/ 149 459 033/ 210 316		bhorganik@bih.net.ba	Beet root, carrot, cucumber
20011380-3	Boletus d.o.o.	Ezrema Delalic	Binjezevo bb, Hadzici, Sarajevo	033 421 170	033 421 170	boletuss@bih.net.ba	Medicinal herbs, mushrooms
20021929-0	Farm Vladimir Usorac	Vladimir Usorac	Vlasta Ilova Prnjavor	051 764 949 065 583 230			Grains
20021931-6	Farm Zlatka Kovacevic	Zlatka Kovacevic	Velika Ilova Prnjavor	051 860 185			Vegetables

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20021930-7	Farm Zlatko Jokic	Zlatko Jokic	Velika Ilova Prnjavor	051 764 099 065 644 589			Grain
20021950-2	Farm B. Zivkovic	Branislav Zivkovic	Strbci br. 98 Prnjavor	065/ 523 273			Carrot
20021889-7	GEA	Edin Peco	Bisce Polje bb. Mostar	036/ 552 219	036/552 219	edin_peco@yahoo.com gea@cob.net.ba	
20012082-2	GM Company Cultivation herbs	Nedeljko Kusturic	Tome Maksimovica 18, Banja Luka	051 752 055 066 640 240	051 752 055	gm_kusturic@blic.net	Chamomile, mint
20021999-5	GM Company wild production	Nedeljko Kusturic	Tome Maksimovica 18, Banja Luka	051 752 055 066 640 240	051 752 055	gm_kusturic@blic.net	Medicinal herbs
20022000-0	KLAS Wild production	Salko Isovici	Paromlinska 43, Sarajevo	033/ 653 922 033/663 609	033 640 549	Klas1@bih.net.ba	Medicinal herbs, mushrooms
20021933-4	Pomo Star Grower group	Jan Francois de Lagausie	Slobodna zona Mostar 88000 Mostar	036 577 081	036 577 080		Plum, fig
20021932-5	Pomo Star Wild production	Jan Francois de Lagausie	Slobodna zona Mostar 88000 Mostar	036 577 081	036 577 080		Medicinal herbs
20011381-2	STP Vrganj	Snjezana Loznjakovic	Javana Raskovica 65, Zavidovici	056 732 233			Medicinal herbs, mushrooms
20021935-2	Vegafruit Grower group	Edin Salihbasic	Brijesnica Mala, Doboj Istok	035 722 797 035 722 799	035 722 793	vegafrut@bih.net.ba edovega@yahoo.com	
20021934-3	Vegafruit Processing	Edin Salihbasic	Brijesnica Mala, Doboj Istok	035 722 797 035 722 799	035 722 793	vegafrut@bih.net.ba edovega@yahoo.com	Pickles, juices, marmalades
20012083-1	Zadrugar	Stevan Janic	Zivoina Misica 12 Srebrenica	056 386 711	056 386 711		Medicinal herbs, mushrooms